

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated January 28, 2008. Claims 1, 2, 11, and 15 to 17 are in the application, with Claims 1 and 11 being independent. Claims 18 to 22 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 11, and 15 to 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,525,888 (Toya) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,631,677 (Horigome). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 11 recite, *inter alia*, (i) periodically receiving an electric charging control signal from the printer to which the electric charging apparatus is attached, and (ii) determining whether or not the electric control signal is received from the printer for a predetermined time period.

Neither Toya nor Horigome, even in the proposed combination, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, is seen to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed features.

Toya describes that a battery charger 30 sends battery information such as battery voltage and battery capacity to a portable telephone 10. The portable telephone 10 can then display information such as remaining telephone conversation time. See col. 4, line 66 to col. 5, line 27.

However, Toya is not seen to disclose that the battery information is periodically received. Further, in Toya, the battery information is received from the battery charger 30. To the contrary, in the present invention, the electronic charging control signal

is received from the electronic apparatus (the printer). As Applicant's understand it, Toya's portable phone 10 does not send any type of an electronic charging control signal to the battery charger 30.

In addition, Toya is not seen to disclose determining whether or not an electric charging control signal is received for a predetermined time period.

Horigome is not seen to remedy the foregoing deficiencies of Toya.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from the independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Turning to a formal matter, the Office Action dated July 3, 2007 included a copy of a Form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement dated May 3, 2007. However, page 1 of the PTO-1449 was not initialed by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner return a copy of the initialed page 1 to Applicant with the next correspondence.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed due; however, should it be determined that additional fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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